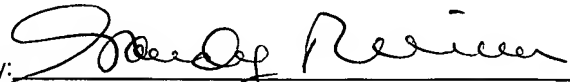


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IN RE APPLICATION OF: PETER M. ROTHERMEL *ET AL.*

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**Preliminary Amendment**

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Dear Commissioner:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.